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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: AQ 12-001
Prompted by:
Date Opened: 05/14/2012
Investigator: Joshua Neff **Reviewer:** Jennifer Timian
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Southern Honda Powersports

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: HONDA (AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO.)
Products: Various Honda motorcycles covered under 10 recalls
Population: 219,446 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Purported sales and deliveries by dealer Southern Honda Powersports of new motorcycles containing unremedied safety defects or failures to comply with minimum federal safety standards

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open Audit Query (AQ)

Summary:

NHTSA is opening this audit query in order to determine whether Southern Honda Powersports of Chattanooga, Tennessee, has complied with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. The Safety Act requires, among other things, that a manufacturer notify its dealers of defects related to motor vehicle safety and noncompliances with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and in turn that a dealer not sell a new vehicle subject to a recall unless the recall remedy has been performed. 49 U.S.C. § 30120(i).

NHTSA is in receipt of information that alleges this dealer sold and delivered new motorcycles to first purchasers without having remedied safety defects and/or failures to comply with minimum Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). Accordingly, we are opening this audit query to seek information concerning these allegations and to verify whether improper sales were made. The recalls included in this audit are: NHTSA recall Nos. 07V-359, 07V-576, 08V-141, 09V-174, 09V-362, 10V-369, 11V-310, 11V-356, 11V-526, and 11V-567.